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**EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL**

On November 3, 2004, the Board of Supervisors established the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to address the significant educational achievement gap between foster/probation youth and others; and to provide accountability and oversight for their education.

Since that time, the ECC has accomplished a great deal, including:

- (1) The creation of the landmark plan ***Expecting More: A Blueprint for Raising the Educational Achievement of Foster and Probation Youth***, which the Board approved on February 14, 2006;
- (2) Working with six different school districts to complete data matches to determine the schools which foster and probation youth are attending; and to detail the academic performance levels of these youth;
- (3) Establishing a pilot project to fill available State preschool and early education program seats with foster children and the children of foster and probation youth;
- (4) Coordinating the training of over 800 LA Unified school-based advocates on the needs of system youth and mandated child abuse reporting; and
- (5) Ensuring expedited school enrollment of foster youth in accordance with State Assembly Bill 490.

The ECC is scheduled to sunset in June 2009. In order to continue the momentum of ECC's valuable work and to ensure that the County's children get the education they deserve, we need to take action, but one that includes no new net county costs.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board in 60 days on the feasibility of institutionalizing the Education Coordinating Council within the Chief Executive Office, ensuring that no new net county costs would be incurred by this move.

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